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TRIMLESS SAMPLE CUP USED IN
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

In further response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March
30, 1993 and received in regard to the above-noted application, please enter the
following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

~~21. (NEW) A device for retaining a sample to be analyzed
spectrochemically, comprising:
a tubular member defining an axial bore extending therethrough; and
a receptacle member defining an interior cavity for receiving said sample,
said receptacle member having a tubular sidewall portion axially alignable with said
tubular member and frictionally receivable within said axial bore and an endwall portion
defining a centrally disposed reduced thickness region, wherein an upper edge of said
tubular sidewall portion is adapted to receive a flexible sheet of material and wherein
said receptacle member includes an exterior annular collar disposed proximate a lower~~
an end region